

**No. R-312. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Bobwhites Division I championship boys' basketball team.**

(H.C.R.254)

Offered by Representatives Luneau of St. Albans City, Bartley of Fairfax, Branagan of Georgia, Brigham of St. Albans Town, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Laroche of Franklin, Oliver of Sheldon, and Walker of Swanton

*Whereas*, for 39 years, the Bellows Free Academy (BFA)-St. Albans boys' basketball team had longed for championship glory that seemed eternally elusive, and

*Whereas*, the opening of the 2025–2026 season offered another chance to achieve this long-sought-after goal, and although the Bobwhites garnered a sixth seed for playoff competition, not the most encouraging indicator of success, BFA-St. Albans persevered and earned a championship game berth against the top-ranked Rice Memorial High School Green Knights, and

*Whereas*, before a large crowd at the University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium, the Bobwhites won the opening tip, and despite initially trailing, BFA-St. Albans quickly displayed its basketball savvy, surging ahead to an 18–12 lead at the end of the first quarter, continuing forward to a 30–20 halftime advantage, maintaining the momentum 41–34 at the third quarter's conclusion, and despite a Green Knight's fourth-quarter drive, winning the game 54–48, and writing a bright new page in the school's athletics history, and

*Whereas*, this amazing Bobwhites team consisted of Lucas Robert, Tripp Rabtoy, Isaac Branon, Max Sweeney, Max Alberico, Michael Lavallee, Sullivan Stebbins, Levi Walters, Ryan Lockerby, Anthony Fontaine, Ryan Munger, and Kobe Simpson, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Tristan Menard and assistant coaches Shawn Earl and Sean Sweeney were extremely proud of the Bobwhites, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Bobwhites Division I championship boys' basketball team, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to BFA-St. Albans.